



Questions and answers about the interim Capitol use policy

Q: Does the interim policy continue the moratorium on displays that General Administration put in effect in December 2008?

The moratorium in the Legislative Building is lifted. The interim policy does not allow the public to place displays and exhibits in the public areas of any public buildings on the Capitol Campus.

Q: How long will the interim policy be in effect?

The interim policy will sunset when new campus use rules are adopted. General Administration expects its current rule-making process to be completed by the end of this year.

Q: Will you allow displays and exhibits?

The interim policy does not allow the public to place displays and exhibits in the public areas of the capitol buildings, regardless of content. However, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, you may be permitted to place displays outside on the capitol grounds.

Q: Will you permit a Nativity scene in the Legislative Building during the holiday season?

No. General Administration has turned down a request for a Nativity display inside the Legislative Building for December 2009.

Q: Will you permit an atheist display in the Legislative Building during the holiday season?

No. General Administration has turned down a request for an atheist display inside the Legislative Building for December 2009.

Q: Will there be a holiday tree at the Legislative Building this year?

Yes. The holiday tree will continue as a General Administration activity.

Q: Will weddings still be permitted on the capitol grounds?

Yes, weddings are still permitted on the capitol grounds.

Q: How many events are currently scheduled in 2010 for the capitol?

About 125 events are currently scheduled through May 2010. On average, more than 300,000 people visit the capitol grounds each year.

Q: Do I have to re-apply if I already have a permit for a campus activity?

No. You do not need to re-apply for a permit for your activity. However, you may have planned to have a display or exhibit as part of your activity. The Department will be happy to work with you regarding your options under the interim policy.

- **Current rule-making:** http://www.ga.wa.gov/Rules/rules_proposed.htm
- **Rule-making overview:** <http://www.ga.wa.gov/Rules/CampusUseRulemakingOverview.pdf>
- **Visit the capitol:** <http://www.ga.wa.gov/visitor/index.html>

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